Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether it is the function of the Local Government as the Agents of the Government of India to consider policies enunciated by the Harbour Port Trust regarding the labour employed by it?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The Local Government is only the Agent of the Government of India and does not consider questions of policy."

Irrigation

Settlement of the dispute regarding the anicut at Ramasagar.

* 19 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to make a statement as to how the dispute between the ryots of the Madras and His Exalted Highness the Nizam's Governments with reference to the anicut at Ramasagar, Hospet taluk, Bellary district, has been settled, and if it has not yet been settled, the progress made in the negotiations towards settlement?

A.—It was agreed between His Exalted Highness the Nizam's Government and this Government that an Irrigation Engineer of each Government should meet at the site, discuss the question and submit a joint report with a view to an amicable settlement of the dispute. The joint report is awaited.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"Have the Madras Government appointed their representatives?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"Yes."

The Kothapalli tank.

* 20 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to G.O. Ms. No. 679 I., dated 7th March 1928—

(*a*) the progress, if any, made in the carrying out of the scheme for improving the Kothapalli tank, Rayadrug taluk, Bellary district; and

(*b*) if the work has not yet been taken up, why and when it is likely to be taken up?

A.—(*a*) No progress has been made.

(*b*) The scheme is one of those which depend on the Hagari; the consideration of all schemes on the Hagari has been postponed till a decision is arrived at about the Tungabhadra project.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know at what stage the consideration of Tungabhadra Project is now?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"As I have on previous occasion informed the Council the Tungabhadra Project is the subject of negotiation with the Hyderabad Government as well as with the Bombay Government and the Mysore Government."

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Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"Have the Nizam's Government asked the Madras Government for any papers regarding the project?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"They have asked for information from time to time and it has been supplied as far as possible."

Chintalapalli Project.

*21 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the reasons for the delay in the execution of Chintalapalli Project, Hadagalli taluk, Bellary district, and when the project is likely to be taken up for execution?

A.—The Chief Engineer has recently submitted a preliminary report and an approximate estimate for a scheme costing about Rs. 2·65 lakhs and has asked for special staff for a more detailed investigation of the scheme. The question is under the consideration of Government. It is not possible to say now when the scheme is likely to be taken up for execution.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I ask roughly what return the project is expected to give according to the preliminary report?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I am sorry I cannot say off-hand."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"Are the Government likely to sanction the staff required for investigation?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"The examination in the Secretariat is nearly completed; I hope that orders will be passed in a few days."

Construction of a culvert to the supply channel from the Hagari river to the Kanekal tank.

*22 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the supply channel from the Hagari river to the Kanekal tank, Rayadrug taluk, Bellary district, cuts the cart-track which is the chief means of communication to many villages and for carts attending the weekly shandies of Kanekal near Adiganihalli, and renders the crossing of the channel near the said village, very difficult and dangerous; and

(*b*) whether it is proposed now or in the near future to bridge the channel at the site referred to above by a small culvert?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have not the information but have called for a report.